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Sir :

Applicants are submitting this paper to make of record in the present application the issuance of a European Search Report, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 01130174.4 (which was published as EP 1 220 580), and the following documents cited therein:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,144,139;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,013,969;
- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 782 374, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,854,543;
- (4) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 762 808, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,796,213;

- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-237684, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is a patent family member of above-noted document (3);
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,886,477;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-348891, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-058287, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-247957, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (10) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-131066, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (11) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-149851, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that above-noted document (2) was previously cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of the present application.

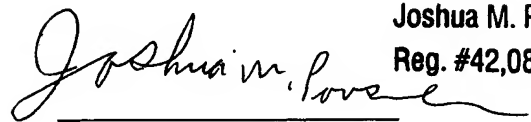
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the European Search Report and the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-noted documents be placed of record in the file of the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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